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Many writers have attempted a description of Texas and failed. The size, scope, resources, climate, inhabitants, can not be fully described in any newspaper article and no article is complete without a true picture of all of them. In size, Texas contains 8.7 per cent. of the entire area of the United States and Territories. It is the largest state in the Union, being six times larger than New York and seven times larger than Ohio and 100,000 square miles larger than all the eastern and middle states, including Delaware and Maryland. To illustrate better:

"Take a correct map of the country—not a railroad map—and cut out the state of Texas; stick a pin through the center of it and let this central point rest on Nashville. The northern limit of Texas will then cover Chicago, the southern will reach the Gulf at Mobile, the eastern will strike Raleigh, N. C., and the western side will reach Little Rock, Ark. All that mighty empire in area covered by the map of Texas will give some conception of the immensity of this state. Texas has a total area of 252,-014 square miles."

There were Jan. 1, 1891, 205 organized counties in the state. Some new counties have since been created out of the large counties in the southern portion of the state. Texas justly lays claim to a greater variety and richness of soil than any other state in the Union. The black waxy, black, gray and red sandy, sandy loam and alluvial soils are all to be found in the state. The best evidence of the fertility of Texas soils is the fact that commercial fertilizers so common in the older states and constituting such a heavy tax on their agricultural interests, are not used in Texas. After experimenting with such fertalizers practical farmers say the black land produces as more without than with such fertilizers.

Texas has a variety of climate. The coast country enjoys a mild pleasant climate almost all the year round. The gulf breezes sweep over the state and make the long summers pleasant and frequently enjoyable. These same breezes modify the weather in the winter and except when the cold blasts sweep down from the north the weather in winter is mild and pleasant. The average annual temperature varies from 50 to 70 degrees (Fahrenheit's) in the different portions of the state.

Texas has few navigable streams for any great distance. Her streams are not numerous, considering the size of the state. The Brazos is perhaps the chief river of the state, draining an area of 35,000 square miles, navigable only about 40 miles. The other rivers of importance are the Red, and Colorado, the Trinity, Sabine, Pecos, Rio Grande and a few smaller ones. The state has about 500 miles of sea coast and a fair prospect for several deep water harbors, one of from 16 to 18 feet having been obtained by a system of jetties at the mouth of the Brazos.

It is said by some that Texas is a treeless plain, but a more careful investigation will reveal the fact that there is timber in every portion of the state, on the streams and in canyons. There are also the upper and lower cross timbers extending from the Red river south into the central portion of the state. A large portion of east Texas is timbered with the usual growths of timbered counties. There is an area of about 25,000,000 acres of long and short leaf pine lands interspersed with hickory and the various oaks. South and west Texas abounds with the pecan, an important nut bearing tree, the crop of which is worth more than half a million dollars annually.

In mineral wealth Texas is yet a TERRA INCOGNITO, but she can show coal to Pennsylvania, iron to Alabama, copper to Michigan, silver to Colorado and lead to Missouri and so on. There are several coal fields in the state, mines being worked at Thuber and Gordon, in Palo Pinto and Erath, also some worked in Wise, Montague, Young and other counties of north Texas, also some being worked near Laredo on the Rio Grande. The lignite beds are very large covering portions of 25 counties.

There are iron furnaces at Rusk, New Birmingham and Jefferson and others about to be built in east Texas and at Llano.

There is an abundance of fine building stone, granite, marble, potter's clay, koolin, hydraulic limestone, cement materials, gypsum, salt and manganese. Texas has a large area of agricultural lands which produce large crops of cotton, corn, wheat, oats and other small grain and grasses. No state in the union can produce more per acre of the various agricultural products than Texas. Much interest is now manifested in rice and sugar cane in the southern and southeastern portions of the state.

She controls for the benefit of the asylum, state university and public schools many millions of acres of land which can be bought at from $2 to $5 per acre on forty year's time at five per cent annual interest. Public schools for white and colored children are maintained from four to ten months each year. There is an agricultural and mechanical college for industrial training near Bryan, a normal school at Huntsville for white teachers and one at Hempstead for colored teachers and a grand state university at Austin. The children of Texas are better provided for than those of any other state in the union. The state endowment for the public schools consists of about $7,000,000 in interest bearing bonds, more than $10,000,000 in interest bearing land notes and about 28,000,000 acres of unsold lands, of which about 7,000,000 are leased at 4 cents per acre.

The state has the usual asylums for the blind, deaf and dumb and insane, all under careful management and a home for disabled ex-Confederate soldiers.

There are in the state about 9,400 miles of railways extending through various portions of the state, but confined mainly to the agricultural and timber sections. On account of the vast size of Texas more than double the present mileage will be necessary to accommodate the commerce of this great empire when every portion of it is occupied and cultivated.

The state has five cities of more than 20,000 inhabitants, several of more than 10,000 and a large number of growing cities of above 5000 inhabitants. Texas has a very small state debt, collects the smallest state tax of any state in the south, but boasts of the grandest capitol building in the south, being the third largest building in the United States and the seventh in size in the world.

The people are liberal, moral, progressive, and invite such to come among them and aid in developing the grandest empire known to modern civilization. Texas offers homes to laborers, investments to capitalists.

"Turn Texas loose" is the shout raised by one wing of the democratic party in the state. All right, if she is tied, we will aid in turning her loose, also we want the voter to be turned loose.

COLLIN COUNTY,

The Queen of Texas.

Her Wonderful Resources—Scenes Throughout Texas.

Collin County is situated in Northern Texas, being one of the second tier of counties south of the Red river.

It is exclusively an agricultural county, and is the center of the grain region of the state

OLD TIME SCENE IN EAST COLLIN.

The soil for the most part is a black waxy and very tenacious. It is highly fertile and produces heavy yields of all the cereals commonly grown in the south. Fruits and vegetables are also profitably raised. Peaches are especially successfully cultivated.

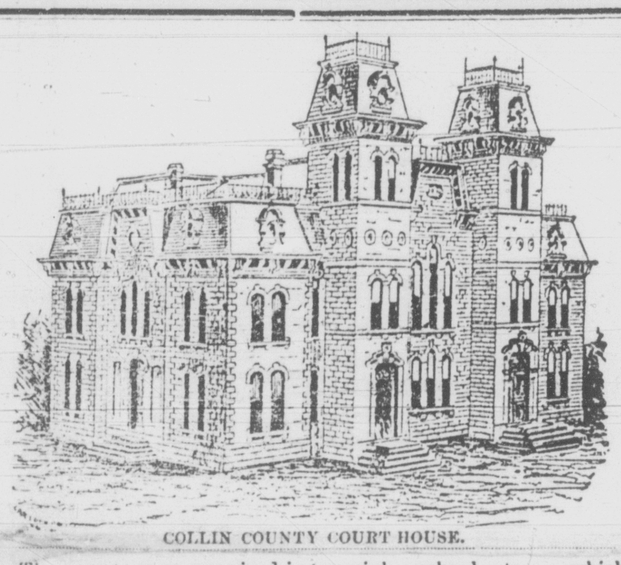
The county is well watered, having the East Fork of the Trinity river, with its many tributaries, distributed over

A COUNTRY VILA.

the whole country. There are several lakes in the county, that add to the water supply, the most prominent of these being Duck, Clear, Black and Snyder lakes.

LAKE OF COLLIN COUNTY.

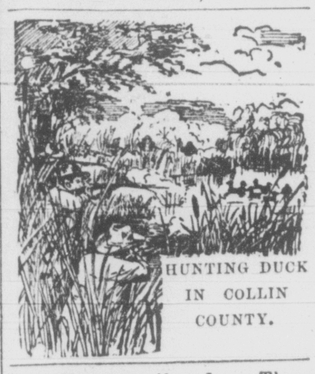
The leading varieties of timber, are elm, pecan, hickory, bois'darc and several varieties of oak.



COLLIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The county was organized in 1846, and contains an area of 884 square miles.

It is traversed by the Houston and Texas Central, the Gulf Coloradao Santa Fe, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and the St. Louis, Arkansas



HUNTING DUCK IN COLLIN COUNTY.

and Texas railroads. These roads have a combined mileage in the county of 108 62 miles. with property assessed at $944,420.

There are eight weekly newspapers published in the county.

This county has a total school population of 8,840, with 89 public and 40 private school houses, and gives employment to 169 teachers. Average

THE WAY WE USED TO TRAVEL.

wages paid teachers: Whites—males $48, female $40; colored—males $36, female $30. Total number of pupils enrolled during the year was 7,340, average attendance 3888, and the average length of school term 108 days. The estimated value of school houses and grounds is $34,450, school apparatus $32,755, making the total value of school property $67,205.

The amount of money paid out of the school fund for school purposes was $41,830. The value of school buildings was $8807. As evidence that school interest in the county is on the increase, we have fourteen school districts, carrying the special school tax, which amounts to about $3,000.

PRODUCTS AND VALUE OF FIELD CROPS OF COLLIN COUNTY FOR THE YEAR OF 1891.

CROPS.	ACRES.	PRODUCT.	VALUE.
Cotton, bales	112,569	45,269	$1,795,145
Corn, bushels	69,569	2,534,333	844,317
Wheat, bushels	15,541	305,621	222,000
Oats, bushels	20,754	838,902	272,028
Barley, bushels	171	7,944	2,815
Rye, bushels	101	257	159
Potatoes, Irish, bushels	83	7,706	3,532
Potatoes, sweet, bushels	13	1,910	896
Peas, bushels			
Beans, bushels			
Hay, cultivated, tons	128	54	380
Hay, prairie, tons	3,473	3,589	21,214
Millet, tons	1,554	2,885	21,050
Sugar cane, barrels sugar			
Sugar cane, barrels syrup	374	861	17,350
Sorghum cane, bbls. molasses	74	381	1,880
Sugar, hogsheads	18	1,588	1,120
Onions			

OTHER STATISTICS FOR 1891.

Acres.		Value.
1,061	Peaches	$21,405
67	Apples	2,615
9	Plums	2,40
2	Pears	130
6	Melons	270
1,613	Garden	78,590
3	Grape Vines, Product	598
3,832	Stands Bees, Pounds Honey 93,587	10,284
	Amount of chattel mortgage given to produce crop in 1891, 452	51,970
	Pounds bacon purchased 442,850.	
	Pounds lard purchased... 60,835.	
	Bushels corn purchased... 86,855.	
	Gallons molasses " ..... 43,650.	
	No. of farms owned..... 3,004.	
	No. of labores employed. 1,324.	
	Average wages per month.....14.85	
	No. renters on farm..... 1,943.	
	Value of farming impl's.....119,100.	
	No. of sheep sheared..... 688.	
	No. of pounds of wool... 3,124.	
	Value of wool clip..... 547	

Please remember that you are welcome to call at the DEMOCRAT office when in the city.

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EARLY DAYS OF M'KINNEY.

Of all the towns in North Texas, McKinney, without the least possibility of a doubt, leads the procession. No city has had more good, solid, substantial growth in the past few years than ours. Our citizens have watched with argus eyes the stride it has made, leaping from a small town to one of the first and leading county seats in Texas. The growth and prosperity of our town, while not phenomenal, has always been of a steady, substantial character. To day fully 4,000 souls live within the city, and it is a live, hustling place. To write about it and its possibilities is an easy and pleasant task; to do justice to it, however, becomes difficult in so short a space as we have at our disposal. A glance at the residence portion reveals broad streets, lined with cosy and well built homes, upon which artistic taste and appropriate architecture have uniformly blended. Beautiful lawns, which have called for an extravagant outlay of money, surround many of the homes, and in this respect the town equals any and excels many of its own

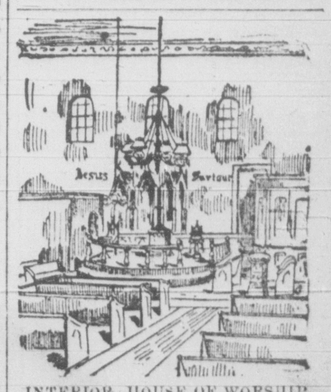
QUEEN ANN RESIDENCE.

size in the State. McKinney of to-day is one of the model towns of Texas. She is fairly entitled to the distinction of

THE MODEL CITY OF TEXAS.

The city is charmingly located. What the hand of man has been unable to accomplish, nature has willingly bestowed among her manifold gifts, for she has been kind to our fair city. The lands which surround the town are best, and the enterprising farming community do all in its power to favor and advance the favorite city of their county. Could he, who in the plaintive story of Evangeline, sung of the beautiful "Teche Country," to day visit the City of McKinney, he would not only find equal food for his taste, but would also find so much of the practically attractive that "he would bid his muse be gone," and would write to practical readers of how here, in abundance and variety unrivaled, can be found every natural element of wealth and comfort. He would for a time cease to sing of maiden fair and lover true, of pendant moss and translucent streams, of sylvan glades and meadows green, to "put in a word" for the material; and call attention to the fact that even poets must leave the essential to a hearty physical growth. Where the flowers kissed the morning dew and the forests echoed only with the noise of native warblers, stands a busy, active and prosperous city.

The City of McKinney cannot be linkened to the deserted village, so beautifully pictured by the poet, Goldsmith. She is the embodiment of life and activity. Her future is a roseate dream.



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Time in its ceaseless march

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WHAT is forgiveness? It is the odor which flowers yield when trampled upon.

THERE were 429 marriages in Collin county during the year 1891 and 27 divorces.

IN Collin county in 1890 Hogg received 5,067 votes, Flanigan 722, Heath, 168, total 5,957.

A TREE is known by the shadow it casts. A great person is known by his calumniators.

THE state convention of the people's party convened in Dallas to-day with a large delegation attending.

WE acknowledge receipt of the fourth annual agricultural report of Texas, from John E. Hollingsworth commissioner.

We believe in the "democracy of the fireside and the republicanism of the home." Let us guard them against the wily intruder.

IN 1891 there were jailed in Collin county 178 persons—males 171—females 7. Of these 85 were white and 93 colored.

GROVER CLEVELAND was nominated this morning on the first ballot as the democratic candidate for President of the United States.

MAN is the creature of circumstances. Free, he has the qualities of a free man, enslaved, those of a slave.

THE county executive committee of the democratic party met at the courthouse last Saturday. Mr. John Lockhart attended as proxy for John McMinn.

FARMERSVILLE has a population of 1,093, Plano 842, Weston 285, Wylie 239, Nevada, 247, Lebanon 218, Melissa 207, Anna 163, Blue Ridge 158 and Allen 115.

THE Denton convention nominated R. V. Bell, of Gainesville, for congress. Mr. Bell, we learn, is an able gentleman who has served Cooke county as county attorney and also as legislator.

AN alliance picnic encampment will be held about 3 miles south of Bonham, on July 19 to 23 inclussive. Among the many noted speakers to be present, we note Hons. Jerry Simpson and J. W. Bailey, members of congress.

E. W. KIRKPATRICK contributes some interesting Texas history, regarding Sam Houston, which can be found on the fourth page of this issue. Read it and paste it in your scrap book.

WE hear a great deal of insulting gush of curbstone politicians who delight in calling the people's party fellows "idiots," "cranks," etc. In this connection these fellows call the names of individuals who are poor and otherwise unfortunate and attempt to burlesque. These gentlemen should take their own advice to the farmer: Work harder and quit talking politics.

Second hand furniture store and repair shop.

J. W. ASBURY.

The Calamity Howler.

The gem of Texas is Collin county. Our friends in other states are kindly invited to come and take a walk upon the high road of prosperity with "the most beauteous bride ever led to the marriage altar" of Texas counties.—McKinney Democrat.

This is rather singular, coming from a third party paper which continuously howls about calamities and starvation staring the people in the face.—Rockwall Success.

Yes, we suppose it is singular to a narrow, contracted partisan sheet. The condition of the masses does not alter the fact regarding Collin county and grand old Texas, which should be placed upon the high road of prosperity, she and her people so richly deserve. We admire the "calamity howler," who stands on deck and watches for breakers.

Dr. Third Party.

We are sorry to state that Mr. Moss-back is up again, we hope for his early relapse.—McKinney Democrat.

Give him a dose of Dr. Third Party's medicine and your hopes will be realized.—McKinney Examiner.

Correct, Bro. Examiner. The Third Party medicine will kill almost anything.—Wylie Rustler.

We believe our friends are about right. We already know of several who are sick by taking Dr. Third Party's medicine. Even the Examiner and Rustler are getting in a precarious condition, if we are to judge by their groans.

Navaro county, the home of R. Q. Mills, lately got a dose of Dr. Third Party's medicine, which has made the Corsicana Observer sick, if we are to judge from the little squib which reads as follows:

"Antony is elected but our chicken is sick, made so by the Barber majority in this county."—Corsicana Observer.

Good medicine. Try some more of it gentlemen. Our good looking friend, Clint Thompson, of the Gazette, is now undergoing the treatment, and is already very pale. Call again gents.

Independence.

Independence is a term around which clusters many cherished memories of all typical Americans. Indeed, the progressive elements of society, in all ages, have ever sought, this greatest boon, independence.

The race for power, wealth and fame is inspired by a desire for independence.

Independence seems to find its entirety, only, in the infinite—hence our awe of the author of the universe.

Independent thought and action have led the van in all discovery, have given the world all the beauty and wealth of art and science.

The love of independence has ever borne the banner of rebellion against tyranny and wrong, while submissive spirits receive the ever-present sparkles of surveilance and shame.

All reformation, in church or state, has been wrought by the devotees of independence. It is adored by the children of liberty and abhorred by tyrants.

It is a beacon light to the patriot and a defiant warning to the oppressor.

Like charity, it blesses both the giver and receiver.

None but those who suffer dependence could conceive of independence.

He, only, can relish its sweetness who has broken the chains of slavery or tyranny.

Political independence and intelligence, only, can save our nation.

Reforms never come down from those puffed up with power and situated in ease, but always comes up from those who have cause to demand relief from unnecessary burdens.

The well paid official with his sycophantic followers has ever opposed change or reform of any kind that put in properly his position.

When the hive grows rich the moth gets in its deadly work; so in the human hive as prosperity paints her golden riches, the workers become enchanted by the prospect, while the moths and drones of society exhaust the store.

Progressive governments have progressive parties, contending for different policies of well defined principles. When parties cease to have well defined policies, they become conspiracies against the welfare of the people and grow dangerous in proportion to their strength.

When parties juggle with words in order to cover their intention, when they pool their issues in order to divide the spoils, when they cease to serve the purpose of giving more economy and stability of government; they loose their usefulness and should be abandoned by all respectable people, thus, making an example of selfish conspiracy.

The marvelous wealth and prosperity which has grown with the American people in this generation has given the despoilers a tempting opportunity to work their ruin and they have not neglected it.

Our parties, like twin cancers on the body politic, have grown with every interest until the whole body is taxed to feed their consuming ruin.

Their rapacious ventricles touch every resource of industry, and levies blighting tribute upon labor.

Their messages of deceit are carried on every train and flashed on every wire.

Their agents crowd the hustings and assume the voice of religion and philanthropy.

For more than 30 years these agents have made fair promises, have appealed to prejudice, inflamed passions, and pitted the people against themselves on false issues, while both parties were making common cause of robbery.

This process would have led to rapid ruin except for the bold contingent of independents that have always been found in all parties.

They have led in all reforms, they are the leaven in the lump, and when virtue and reason triumphs, the bold independent name will be high on the roll of fame.

Since the invention of the bond or consul scheme of 1794 by England, the financial world has suffered alternate expansion and contraction of currency, and labor and industry have been compelled to pay unjust tribute to idle capital.

During this 98 years, the hirelings and dupes of this scheme have never ceased proclaiming its beauties and splendors before the people and have succeeded in engrafting it upon every form of government to the great detriment of the mass of mankind.

The harvest of this unparallelled swindle is seen in unequaled distribution of wealth and power, in tyranny and slavery, in license and oppression, in opulence and distress.

It discounts industry and puts a premium on usury.

It divides humanity into two classes, borrowers and loaners. It has made usury the most profitable business on earth and its continuance would soon absorb every vestige of property and put a mortgage on the life work of unborn generations.

The beneficiaries of this system will never willingly surrender their ill-gotten advantage. They and their ilk will bend every energy to throttle each attempt of the people to escape their unholy clutch.

The only hope of escape is through the medium of independent thought and action.

Let the people get together and reckon upon their bearings and see where they are drifting. High treason is on board the ship of state and the helm is held by a foreign foe.

Each year this malignant system extracts billions of unearned wealth from the hand of industry and its avarice grows more rapacious.

The industrial hosts of all lands are rising in rebellion against the chiefest of all tyranies. They are preparing to hurl from power their common enemy. They invite men of every class to join.

Appeal is made to reason and humanity. No subterfuge or passion is required. Cool, dispassion thought and independent action is the trying need.

Give your opponent respectful audience, weigh his winning words with his past deeds, and after applying the gage of reason, experienced and observation, cast your influence as the best interest of your country calls.

The independent or people's party has always existed and has always been feared by the despoilers.

The best interest of the whole people of the United States, and especially of Collin county calls for support of the independent vote.

The party which has held sway so long in Texas, has outlived its usefulness, and is now tottering under its own rottenness. Its warring factions accuse each other of most unpardonable sins and, non can gain say their accusations.

When a certain class fall out honest men are expected to have a chance.

Now is the time for honest people to accept the situation. Vote the independent ticket and slay the serpent of greed.

Suffrage.

The following classes of persons are prohibited from voting in this State:

1. All persons under 21 years of age.
2. Idiots and lunatics.
3. Paupers supported by any county.
4. Persons convicted of any felon.
5. Soldiers, marines and seamen in the service of the United States.

Every male citizen 21 years of age, subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who has resided in the State one year next preceding the election and the last six months within the district or county where he offers to vote, is a qualified elector.

Demand For a Better World.

JOHANN GOTTLIEB FICHTE.

When I contemplate the world as it is, independently of any injunction, there manifests itself in my interior the wish, the longing, no! not a longing merely,—the absolute demand for a better world. I cast a glance at the relations of men to each other and to Nature, at the weakness of their powers, at the strength of their appetites and passions. It cries to me irresistibly from my innermost soul: "Thus it cannot possibly be destined always to remain. It must, O! it must all become other and better!"

I can in no wise imagine to myself the present condition of man as that which is designed to endure. I cannot imagine it to be his whole and final destination. If so, then would everything be dream and delusion, and it would not be worth the trouble to have lived and to have taken part in this ever-recurring, unproductive and unmeaning game. Only so far as I can regard this condition as the means of something better, as a point of transition to a higher and more perfect, does it acquire any value for me. Not on its own account, but on account of something better for which it prepares the way, can I bear it, honor it, and joyfully fulfill my part in it. My mind can find no place, nor rest a moment in the present; it is irresistibly repelled by it. My whole life streams irrepressibly on toward the future and better.

Am I only to eat and drink that I may hunger and thirst again, and again eat and drink, until the grave, yawning beneath my feet, swallows me up, and I myself spring up as food from the ground? Am I to beget beings like myself, that they also may eat and drink and die, and leave behind them beings like themselves, who shall do the same that I have done? To what purpose this circle which perpetually returns into itself; this game forever re commencing, after the same manner in which everything is born but to perish, and perishes but to be born again as it was? This monster which forever devours itself, that it may produce itself again, and which produces itself that it may again devour itself?

Never can this be the destination of my being and of all being. There must be something which exists because it has been brought forth, and which now remains and can never be brought forth again, after it has been brought forth once. And this, that is permanent, must beget itself amid the mutations of the perishing, and continue amid those mutations, and be borne along unhurt upon the waves of time.

LOCAL NEWS.

Sam Rudolph is seriously sick.

Work has resumed on the artesian well.

See the ad of the New York Life in this issue.

A huge picnic is talked of at Johnson schoolhouse.

Read H. W. Ardinger's ad in this issue of the DEMOCRAT.

There will be a union picnic at Whites Grove next Saturday.

Read our editorial in this issue on the subject of independence.

See the ad of Harper & Roderick on the first page of this issue.

W. R. Rogers, of Blue Ridge, showed the first cotton bloom last Tuesday.

Judge P. B Muse went to Dallas last evening and returned this morning.

We have received some obituaries recently, which we will publish next week.

A little girl baby made its appearance at the home of W. F. Bedell's, east of Plano on the 18th inst.

It is rumored that Evangelist Penn will be here next July to hold a series of gospel tent meetings.

Dr. Jeff Caldwell has returned from Louisville, where he has been attending the medical school.

The colored people celebrated emancipation day here last Saturday in grand style. They report having complete success.

The Birdwell divorce case of Blue Ridge is being tried in the district court. A great many witnesses are being examined.

Those who have not the money and wish to read the DEMOCRAT can get it by sending us their postoffice address, providing they will pay us this coming fall.

Wylie is picnining to-day, wish we were able to go but are not, this being publication day. We think, however, that Bro. Perkins, of the Rustler, will eat enough grub for both of us.

We notice from a circular that Judge Abernathy and Jno. Kimbrough will address the citizens of Wetsel schoolhouse, on Friday, July 1, and invites the opposition to divide time with them, which we hope some of our people's party champions will accept.

Geo. Alexander (col.) obtained a verdict in the district court this week for $400 damages against the city of McKinney, in consideration of a fall of his wife on the sidewalk in the north part of the city, at which time she sustained a broken arm.

They Want The Democrat.

The following is only one of the many letters we receive regarding the DEMOCRAT:

FARMERSVILLE, June 13, '92.

Editor Democrat:

Having read a few copies of your excellent paper, borrowed from a neighbor, would like to read it every week, but money is very scarce with us farmers just now. I have been advised by two of your subscribers to write you for your paper until early fall, when money comes to the farmers, which if you can consistently send to our address, we promise to send a years subscription as soon as possible, and greatly appreciate the favor. We are sir very respectfully, J. W. K.

Delegates Notice.

COPEVILLE, June 18, '92.

Notice to delegates to County Alliance:

Those coming by Santa Fe railroad will be met at Copeville station with conveyance, by brethren, who will see them taken care of.

Train from Farmersville to Dallas arrives at Copeville about 12 o'clock, and the one from Dallas toward northeast arrives about 3 o'clock.

Done by order of the lodge.

W. H. GRAVES,
President.

HOWARD COOK,
Secretary.

☞ Beautiful flower pots at the Nickel Store.

At Dublin.

Last Saturday evening we had the pleasure of visiting the community of Dublin, about four miles east of Plano, where a joint discussion was had between Mr. E. W. Kirkpatrick and G. R. Smith on the political issues of the day.

The house was crowded and everything passed off quietly and good humoredly. Of course both sides claimed the victory. We learned that a large people's party club was organized recently at Dublin.

After the speaking we were entertained by Mr. Bedell and family.

We were pleased to note the thriving condition of crops around Plano.

Legal Rate of Interest.

The legal rate of interest in Texas, fixed by the Constitution, 1891, is 6 per cent. A rate not exceeding 10 per cent may be charged, if specified in the contract. Any higher rate is usurious, and the principal alone can be recovered in case usury is pleaded.

Alliance Notice.

ALLEN, June 16, '92.

The next session of the Collin county alliance, will meet at Copeville, on the 20th day of July, at 10 o'clock a. m. Delegates are requested to be prompt in attendance, as business of importance will be before the alliance.

Harry Tracy has promised to be present and deliver an address on the 20th.

W. W. CHAPMAN,
President.

McKinney Nurseries.

Come with the most complete stock in every line. New and old varieties of every kind of fruit and ornamental trees and plants have, for 20 years, been carefully studied and selected until we are able to supply fruits well adapted to Texas soil and climate, at prices that cannot be discounted and, fruits absolutely profitable in all Texas.

Don't fail to beautify and enrich your home with fruits and flowers. When the tree agent calls on you and gives you figures on what you desire; just resist the temptation to subscribe one time and, send one half the amount to McKinney Nurseries and get a larger and better selection.

E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Texas.

The Rainfall.

Rainfall from July 31, 1891 to June 31, 1892. The following was kept by G. A. Wilson, McKinney, Texas:

July 16	1.2500
July 22	.6000
July 29	.6500
July 30	.6300
	3.11
August 2	.2400
August 21	.0600
August 22	.0700
	.3700
September 2	.3700
September 9	1.0000
Sepnember 16	.0600
September 17	.2600
September 27	1.0000
September 29	.6000
	3.2900
October, blank	
November 8	.5000
November 30	.7000
	1.2000
December 3	.7500
December 10	.5000
December 14	1.7500
December 22 and 23	.8800
	3.8800
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January 1	.5000
January 13	.5000
January 18	1.3700
January 24	.7000
Januwry 26	.5000
	3.6700
February 19	.6200
February 28	.1800
	.8000
March 4	1.2500
March 14 and 15	1.8600
March 17 rain and snow	.3800
March 18 and 19	.2500
March 23	1.0000
	4.74000
April 1	.3700
April 3	1.0600
April 4	.5000
April 6	.5800
April 10	.0200
April 19 and 20	2.1800
April 24	.6800
April 25	.0500
April 27	.6500
	5.0900
May 2	.0600
May 5	.1300
May 6	1.1900
May 7	.0900
May 8	1.5100
May 9	.0600
May 15	1.8700
May 17	.3700
May 29	.2500
May 31	2.1100
	12.4900
June 5	.9000
June 17 and 18	.5000
June 19	.7500
	2.1500

The firm of Asbury & Padgitt has dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be conducted by J. W. Asbury, who will collect all accounts and pay all indebtedness of the firm.

ASBURY & PADGITT.

Public Lectures.

J. T. Branch will deliver alliance lectures at the following named places at night. Everybody invited. Red Oak schoolhouse, Monday, June 27; Callis, Tuesday, June 28.

H. W. ARDINGER,

North-West Corner Square,

McKinney, - - Texas.

Dry Goods, full lines latest things in Lawns, wash Silks, Mulls, Dress goods, white goods, ginghams, domestic and all staples.

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of all kinds, Hosiery and Gloves,

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in endless profusion.

Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats for Men and Boys of all grades.

WE CARRY A FIRST-CLASS STOCK OF GOODS,

Our Prices Are Low.

Every article will be found as represented, or we will make it good.

Honest Goods,
Square Dealing.

We Want Your Trade,
Give us a Trial.

W. H. ARDINGER.

McKinney's Business Men.

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G. R. Wear.

The above named gentleman is the well known photo artist of McKinney, who is prepared to turn out the finest of work. His gallery is situated up stairs just west of J. P. Dowell's, on East Louisiana street.

In addition to his photo department he handles the celebrated Estey Pianos and organs, in which he is prepared to give bargains on easy terms. No one will regret calling at his gallery where they can see specimens of his work and which speaks volumes for his ability. You are cordially invited to call and see him whether you wish work done or not.

W. G. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes is our obliging deputy assessor, to whom we wish to return our thanks for favors extended to us in the way of furnishing us statistics of Collin county. He is an old resident of our county and is well and favorably known by the majority of our people. He has ably filled the assessors office in years gone by and has served many years as deputy. There is nothing connected with the office that he does not understand and his work acts as a monument to his ability.

J. M. Pearson

Is engaged in the practice of law in McKinney, Tex, and is one of the most popular gentlemen in this county. He has a large and increasing business and enjoys the confidence of all parties and classes.

He is a typical American citizen and is noted for most liberal and comprehensive views on important questions.

Affable, polite, talented and trustworthy and with all his noble qualities he enjoys a degree of public friendship and confidence most enviable.

Those wishing legal advice or work done could do no better than call on J. M. Pearson, the subject of this poor sketch. His office is located on West Virginia street, McKinney, Texas.

W. P. Suttle's Shoe Store.

If you want an attractive shoe, a comfortable shoe and a servicable shoe you can find all these points combined in one at Suttle's Shoe Store.

The above firm is now receiving large shipments of new and very desirable goods, at prices to suit you. It will pay you to call and inspect Suttle's Boots and Shoes, west side public square, McKinney, Texas.

Among the business enterprises of McKinney, we should not fail to mention the McKinney nurseries, which is one of the best in Texas. It is situated just south of the public college. E. W. Kirkpatrick is its energetic and worthy proprietor.

Meat Market.

Wm. Allen, the butcher is located just south of the square and keeps on hand the best and freshest meats.

He pays the highest market price for hides, wool and beeswax. Call and see him when you wish anything in his line.

J. M. Andrews' Grocery.

Mr. Andrews keeps a full line of groceries on South Tennessee street, where he will be glad to have his friends to call and examine his goods, which are first class, and will be sold at low figures. Call and see him.

To the Public.

In sending out this issue of the DEMOCRAT we do so with the hope of eliciting your interest. We hope you will take this issue and read it carefully and then subscribe for it at once.

Remember that we will keep you posted on local happenings and while you may not find its political or religious views in full accord with your own, you will find it courteous and fair with its opponents.

Take the DEMOCRAT.

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HAMILTON COOKE,
General Agent, Dallas, Tex.

DOANE, Special Agent,
McKinney, Texas.

Kinney's Business Men.

Avocations Protrayed in Columns of The Democrat.

We take pleasure in introducing the following named women and firms to the friends and readers of this is

Wilson & Cole.

The above firm is located on first floor of the courthouse, the east side. Mr. Wilson, senior member of the firm, a pioneer abstractor. Mr. Cole is a surveyor and notary public. The firm is the possessor of a complete set of abstract books, and are prepared to do correct work with neatness and dispatch. When you wish work in their line call on them, and we guarantee you to receive satisfaction at their hands. As to the qualification, integrity and responsibility of the firm, we refer you to any one who know its members.

R. L. Ray.

The above named gentleman has an office over the Old Collin County bank building, on the east corner of the square, and represents the celebrated Home Life Insurance company. He is prepared to write policies, the advantages of which, are seldom equaled by other companies. If you want protection for yourself or family, call and see Mr. Ray, who will courteously give all necessary information.

T. H. Welch & Son.

This firm is located upstairs over the Collin County National bank, and is engaged in the Fire Insurance business. T. H. Welch, the senior member of the firm, is an agent of long standing in the city, who has always given satisfaction to his many customers. The firm represents the best companies in the world, and make a specialty of insuring farm, dwellings and gin houses. Those wishing to fortify themselves against losses from fire should see F. H. Welch & Son, who are prepared to give satisfactory rates and terms. Remember their location; upstairs over the Collin County bank, McKinney, Texas.

St. George Hotel.

The above hotel is located on East Virginia street, next door to the post office, formerly known as the Willis house. Mr. Lee Sublett, is the proprietor, who has remodeled the house throughout, and it being a three story brick and well ventilated, he is prepared to furnish the best of lodging. The tables will be furnished with the best edibles the market affords and served in the most excellent manner. Meals and lodging only 25 cents each. Board per week or month will be reasonable. Those who wish meals, lodging or regular board should see Mr. Sublett, who is prepared to make satisfactory terms.

Coffey Bros.

This firm is composed of Messrs. S. P. Coffey and W. S. Coffey. They succeed McKinney and Coffey in the livery business. They keep first-class stock and vehicles for the public at reasonable prices. They are nicely located in the brick livery house just north of the Mississippi Store. They also have a feed stable and wagon yard south of the Collin county bank, on Tennessee street—the yard being in the rear of the DEMOCRAT office. These gentlemen are able to take care of your stock and give entire satisfaction. Call on them when you are in the city.

J. A. Evans.

The above named gentleman is located upstairs over the old Collin county bank building. He is an attorney-at-law and notary public, whose practic in Collin and surrounding country has been very extensive. His ability in his profession is undisputed. Aside from his law practice he is engaged in loaning money, and is prepared to compete with other agencies in regard to terms. Those who wish legal advice, notary work or wish to negotiate for loans will do well to call on him. He also deals in real estate and is prepared to give bargains in the same.

A. P. Carter.

In passing through the County clerk's office, there is one gentleman that attracts unusual attention, from the fact of his constant attention to his duty as deputy county clerk. Mr. Carter has served 16 years as deputy county clerk during his life, and to say that he knows his business is not putting it too strong. The DEMOCRAT is under obligations to Mr. Carter for many favors extended, and we hope that his 34 years residence in the Lone Star State will be followed by many more prosperous ones, and we believe we voice the sentiments of a host of his acquaintances to whom he is always courteous and obliging, regardless of political differences.

J. A. Neel & Co.

The above firm deals in paints, oils and yarnishes, also contractors for painting and paper hanging. Mr. Neel has had 12 years experience in McKinney and can safely guarantee satisfaction. They will sell goods and work for reasonable prices, as theirs is the only exclusive paper house in the city.

Goostree & Foster.

This comparatively new firm is doing a good business on East Louisiana street. They handle the choicest of staple and fancy groceries, and are every ready to dispose of them at prices which competition cannot successfully lower. They are courteous and honest and have a large circle of customers to recommend them. Don't forget to call and see Goostree & Foster when you wish to purchase anything in their line. They will treat you right whether you wish to buy or not. Times are dull and they propose to sell their goods at a corresponding rate.

Dr. E. L. Burton,

Specialist,
McKinney, Texas.

Office Northeast corner of the square.

Member of the Alumni association, of the Kentucky school of medicine; honorary member of the Historical society of Baylor University.

Gold medalist in General Theropentics, etc.

Practice limited to special disease: Eye, ear, catarrh, throat, chest, genito-urinary and rectal diseases.

EYES.

Diseases of the eye treated with success, cross eyes straightened in a few minutes without pain and all disfigurements corrected. The errors of refraction corrected and the proper glasses fitted.

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All curable ear troubles treated, and an honest opinion given in all cases.

CATARRH.

Catarrh cured in all stages, no matter of how long standing, where it has not progressed too far, may be sucessfully treated at home.

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Throat diseases yield readily to my treatment, and most all neuroseo of the respitory tract yield to treatment in their incipiency.

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cured in every case. Piles cured in a few days without the use of the knife, pain or detention from business. All rectal diseases cured where they are not specific or of a cancerous nature.

Stricture and private diseases absolutely cured in all states, no matter of how long standing, with but little pain and no detention from business.

Correspondence solicited—in close stamps for reply.

Consultation free.

First National Bank.

Among the banking firms of North Texas, none stands higher in the estimation of the commercial world than the First National bank of McKinney. This bank has $125,000 capital and surplus.

The officials are: F. Emerson, president; T. T. Emerson, vice-president; T. H. Emerson, cashier; F. Emerson, T. T. Emerson, T. H. Emerson, Jno. L. Lovejoy and C. H. Welch, directors.

Their business hours are from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The officials are courteous and attentive to business. Call on them when you wish to negotiate loans, buy or sell exchange.

General Merchandise, Vineland, Texas.

While ye DEMOCRAT reporter was sauntering around the square he ran across Mr. J. A. Smith, of Vineland, Texas, which is situated northwest of McKinney, a few miles. Mr. Smith carries a large line of general merchandise, such as, dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, groceries, hardware, queensware, etc, which he is prepared to dispose of, at bargains.

This house has been established about four years, and its proprietor has won the confidence of a large circle of customers by honest and legitimate dealing.

Groceries! Groceries! Fox & Love.

This firm is located on West Louisiana street, where they have been doing a successful business for about three years. They have, by fair dealing,—keeping on hands a complete and fresh stock of groceries and selling them at reasonable prices—built up a large trade in their line. Give them a call and we guarantee they will treat you courteously whether you purchase or not. They handle goods fast, consequently are able to make prices to please the purchaser. "Quick sales and small profits" is the motto of Fox & Love.

J. F. Hollander Boot and Shoe Maker.

Mr. Hollander is located south of the square on Tennessee street, and make fine boots and shoes. He does repairing neatly and quickly. When you wish anything in his line give him a call and he will supply you at reasonable figures.

Restaurant.

When you are hungry and tired, remember that S. T. Hammond is running a first class restaurant on East Louisiana street, just opposite J. P. Dowell's hardware store and the DEMOCRAT office. He also keeps a full line of confectionery, cigars, cold drinks, etc. Call and see him.

Furniture and Stoves. Nale & Dies.

This substantial firm is still doing business on the Northeast corner of the square, and have enlarged their stock of furniture, stoves, queensware, glass and tinware, to a mammoth proportion. When you are in the city, you should walk through their building and examine their stock of goods, which is complete in every particular, and which they dispose of, at prices that will surprise you. These gentlemen are well informed in their line, and know how to purchase durable goods at prices suited to the present hard times. Call and see them.

Saddlery House.

Messrs. McKinney & Hill is the genial young firm, who are located near the postoffice, on East Virginia street, and who carry a full and elegant line of saddlery, harness, etc. They also do repairing. If you wish anything in their line, call and see them, they will deal fairly with you, by selling at prices that defy competition. Their goods are of the best make and new. They are young men and are desirous of building up a trade by honest principle. Do not fail to see them before purchasing elsewhere, they will treat you right by honest dealing.

Organs and Sewing Machines. M. B. Rexrode.

M. B. Rexrode, who has handled, for many years, the celebrated Singer sewing machine, is also selling the noted Packard organ, also the Miller and Waterloo organs. He especially introduces the Mathushek piano and invites the public to call at his place of business, just south of the southeast corner of the square, where he and his employes will spare no pains to show their goods. He sells for either cash or on the installment plan.

Call and see him whether you wish to purchase or not. He will treat you right.

J. W. Webb.

The above named gentleman is located on East Louisiana street, and is handling Colorado coal and feedstuff. He is public weigher, and invites the producer to call on him. He is always found at his post of duty. The public will do well to patronize him. For promptness and fair dealing none of McKinney's citizens ranks in front of Jim Webb, again, we entreat you to see him before going elsewhere, when you want anything in his line.

S. Weisman.

There is a large dry goods and clothing emporium on the Northeast corner of the square, in what is known as the Morrow block. This room is 100x58 feet in dimensions, and is full with a complete line of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, etc. Mr. S. Weisman is the proprietor, who employs about 15 clerks, who are ever ready in their genial way, to show their goods to one and all.

This is the fourth year of Mr. Weisman's business experience in McKinney, and no doubt he is well informed as to the wants of Collin county people. We do not believe that you will lose anything by calling on Mr. Weisman before purchasing elsewhere. Remember the place Northeast corner of the square, McKinney, Texas.

McKinney Bottling Works.

There is a new enterprise in McKinney, and we are glad to state that it has met with wonderful success. Mr. A. Craus, its genial proprietor, certainly is a genius in preparing bottle drinks, such as, soda and mineral water, ginger ale, champaign cider., also key cider. He ships to all the surrounding towns. During the hot summer days you should try his drinks which are said to be very healthy. He gives careful attention to filling orders. He is located in the South part of McKinney, on South Kentucky street.

CITY DRUG STORE.
R. E. Bristol, Proprietor.

It's complete. That tells all, when it comes to a description of the City Drug Store, of R. E. Bristol. Complete in as much as the large stock embraces a varied assortment of drugs, patent medicines, perfumeries, chemicals, drugs, sundries, etc. They also carry a large and complete line of paints, oils, varnishes, wall paper, also contract paper hanging and painting.

A fine line of rare old Kentucky whiskies, brandies and California wines of the best quality.

Everything found for sale at this popular house, will be found to be of the best quality and of the freshest and purest to be found in the city. When in need of anything in their line, it will pay you to give them a call.

Carriage and Wagon Works.

All kinds of repairing a specialty, and done on short notice. All work warranted. No. 62, Virginia street, in the old Jefferson lumber yard building, McKinney, Texas. Call and see them. G. B. & F. M. HANCOCK are the proprietors.

Donner & Wax.

Well—fitting garments in these modern days, has become more than ever a necessity, and we are conferring a benefit upon our readers in pointing out an establishment, where these can be obtained. This establishment, which is located a few doors west of the postoffice has always borne a high reputation for promptness, fair dealings and excellence. Give them a call.

Dr. M. S. Metz.

The homeopathic system of treating all disease is well represented by our worthy and substantial citizen, Dr. M. S. Metz, who has devoted his time and attention to the system of practice, that is, regarded as a safe and sure practice. And by close attention to his patients, he has built up a large and lucrative practice, notwithstanding, his system of practice has met with great opposition, and especially among those who would not investigate its merits, and also condemned by those who would close their eyes through prejudice.

He has a very large, general practice, and in connection with this he devotes special attention to all chronic diseases. And his remarkable success shows to all who would investigate, that the homeopathic system of treatment has many advantages that suffering humanity should avail themselves of the opportunity to test its merits.

Nickle Store.

The above establishment is located on East Virginia street, the next door west of the postoffice. The proprietors have by honest dealing built up a good trade. Their stock consist of glass and tinware, toys of all kinds, pocket knives, and other cuttlery, perfumery, toilet soap, stationery, and in fact, everything usually kept in such an establishment, and at prices which defy competition. Call and see them when in the city.

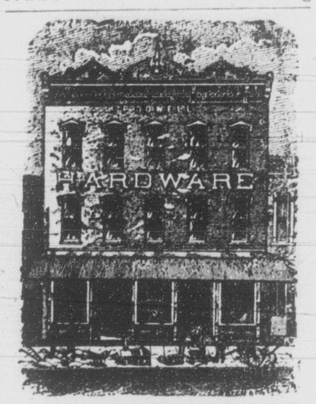
Murphy, Perry & Co.

This firm needs no introduction to a large majority of Collin county people. Yet for the benefit of those few who may not be acquainted with them we respectfully call attention to the fact that they are located on the north east corner of the square, in the handsome Odd Fellows building, where can be found a complete line of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, millinery, etc. No where in North Texas can be found a house better equipped with goods, and clerks to handle them, than the Mississippi Store. See their "ad." elsewhere in this issue. Call and see them when in the city.

J. P. Dowell.

We are reluctant about introducing Mr. Dowell to the people of Collin county, from the fact that he is already well and favorably known throughout the county as the veteran Hardware dealer of McKinney.

When the writer came to McKinney, 13 years ago we found Mr. Dowell doing



business just north of where the Foote House now stands, but he soon moved to where he is now located and has been doing a straight forward business there ever since. He handles a line of hardware, queensware, stoves, cutlery, plated ware, lamps, trimmings, etc., that is hardly surpassed in north Texas. Call and see Mr. Dowell when in the city, he will treat you right.

Collin County Mill.

This fine flour mill is located in the north east part of the city, north of the Union depot. It is an enterprise that deserves the support and encouragement of Collin's entire citizenship. It pays the highest market prices for wheat and white corn. Aside from keeping our home consumers and dealers well supplied, it ships flour to all points of the country. Those who have not tried this excellent flour should patronize home industry by calling at once on Jno. R. Black, the polite and honest manager.

Carpenter Bros.

Among the many business houses of our city, none are more deserving of prominent mention than the one conducted by the above named gentlemen. They are probably the most widely known dealers in Collin county, in implements, machinery, buggies, wagons, binder twine, hay ties, machine oil, etc. The DEMOCRAT takes great pleasure in placing this firm before its many readers and asks for them a share of your patronage. Located on west Louisiana street.

W. B. Kindell,
Located on East Louisiana Street.

The reputation of W. B. Kindell, the grocer, located on east Louisiana street is enviable to to his competitors, not only for the quality of goods handled, but for correct methods that have always been observed in the management of his establishment. The stock carried at all times is large and of superior merit, comprising the best goods to be found in the markets. We will not undertake to describe in detail the stock on hand, but simply say that a more complete stock of choice staple, fancy and heavy groceries can not be found in McKinney. This house has been established in our city for three years and has always enjoyed a first class trade. Give him a trial.

City Hotel.

There is no one thing that tends so much to give a city a reputation for progress as the excellent hotel facilities which afford visitors the best accommodations for transacting business, and adding pleasure and comfort to convenience. Among these we must not fail to mention the City Hotel. With its genial proprietor, Mr. H. R Hammond, who by his accommodating, obliging and courteous manners, is building up an immense patronage for his house. Every thing is neatly and well kept and all departments are ably and carefully superintended, for the purpose of securing thesatisfaction of guests.

The tables are furnished with a plentiful supply of good, well cooked and well served viands, and those who will give this house a trial will always return, A more valuable helpmate could not be found than Mrs. Hammond, the cooking department is now directly under her personal supervision, and every thing that tends to place the table on a bright order is carefully looked after. We call your attention to the coolness of the rooms, they are well ventilated and are the most pleasant of any in the city.

MARBLE YARDS.
W. A. Walcott & Bro.

The above business firm is of long standing in McKinney. The work of these gentlemen is broadcast over North Texas and speaks volumes in their behalf. They handle the finest and best Italian and American marble, monuments, tablets, headstones, etc., also sell the best and cheapest iron fencing in the market. Their yards are located just south of the square, on the Dallas road, where the public is cirdially invited to call and examine their work and goods.

These gentlemen will make prices and terms that are reasonable. They employ experienced workmen and never fail to give satisfaction. With this brief introduction we hope you will call and see these gentlemen when you are in the city and tell them what you want.

Barkley & Harris.

The above named firm will occupy the handsome three story building, just completed, on the south-east corner of the square, after July 1st, next. These gentlemen have built up a large trade in the dry goods line which is constantly on the increase. Buying at wholesale job lots, they are able to offer bargains to the retail trade. The best recommendation can be procured from their customers. When in the city call at their new, commodious quarters and examine their complete line of goods. They spare no pains in showing goods and make everything agreeable with their customers. Remember the place, southeast corner of the square, next door to old Collin county bank.

The Kentucky House.

Our young friends, W. E. & H. H. Hewett, are proprietors of the above hotel. They keep first class lodging and tables to which their customers will readily testify. The hungry should give them a trial when in the city. They only charge 25 cts per meal and will always furnish the best edibles the market affords. They are located on the south side of East Louisiana street, about midway between the depot and the square. They wait on all trains and are pleased to transfer baggage and aid in every reasonable way to add comfort to all patrons.

H. T. Conner.

Ere taking the babies picture,
He placed her in a chair,
And smoothed her dainty ruffles,
Like-wise her golden hair.

It is with pleasure that we call the attention of our readers to the gallery of Mr. H. T. Conner, which is located on South Tennessee street. It is there, where you can get fine work done in the photographic line at liberal prices, give him a call.

R. C. White.

Attorney at law, will give strict attention to all business entrusted to his care. His office is up stairs, north side square, McKinney, Texas.

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YOU CANNOT KNOW

—HOW—

CHEAP YOU CAN BUY

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, etc., in McKinney until you visit the

Mississippi Store.

In our Dress Goods Department you will find Dress Goods from 2½ cents per yard up.

We call your ESPECIAL ATTENTION to a beautiful line of Challies at 4c per yard, and some Woolen Dress Goods at Half Price.

In wash fabrics we have just replenished our stock with the LATEST STYLES of Printed Bedford Cords, Gloriana Tissues, Satin Chevronne, Shantong Pongee's Delhi Mulls, Voile Laines, China Pongees Egyptian Mulls, Venetian and Chantilly Muslins and printed India Linons—AND THE PRICES WILL PLEASE YOU.

In Our Clothing and Furnishing Goods you will find the

Greatest Bargains

ever offered in North Texas.

In Shoes and Slippers we defy Competition in Style, Quality and Price. Ladie's Oxford Ties from 50 cent pair up. Men's Dress Shoes from $1.00 up. We are closing a line of gent's genuine Kangaroo shoes worth $4.50 and $5.00, at $3.50 a pair.

All MILLINERY GOODS at greatly reduced prices.

Our Mr. Murphy is now in the eastern markets buying goods for fall and winter and our spring and summer stock must go.

No Misrepresentations. One Price. Plain Figures.

STRICTLY CASH.

Very Respectfully,

Murphy, Perry & Co.

McKinney of To-Day.

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will continue the work of improvement. We can in imagination only, picture the McKinney of the future, when, with her grand possibilities and advantages, she is the pride of her people and the glory of our great commonwealth. No pent-up "Utica" will then stay the onward march of progress. She will stand before the world with the words, "thrift, progress and enterprise" emblazoned in golden letters upon her forehead. One becomes enthusiastic in writing about such a thriving, enterprising, beautiful place as McKinney. Its fine thoroughfares, its splendid business blocks, its magnificent courthouse, its churches, attractive both internally and externally, its excellent schools, but above all its lovely homes, with their charming inmates—especially the feminine portion, readily convinces you that McKinney has no superior, and very few equals, in all these things that constitute a thorough going, delightful American city.

The city of McKinney, the county seat of Collin county, is situated in the center of the county, on a beautiful rolling prairie, giving magnificent views, and abundance of air. It was laid out on black waxy soil which in dry weather makes the streets almost equal to pavement. Its principal buildings are constructed of white stone or brick. In the center of the plaza is situated one of the handsomest cut stone court houses to be found in Texas. It has a commodious jail for the detection of criminals, two fine brick school edifices, besides numerous smaller ones. The finest includes the public college, situated in the center of the college park, in the southwest part of the city and the McKinney Instiiute in the north-west portion of the city. They are supplied with first class faculties, giving them unsurpassed educational facilities.

Christianity is well represented in the way of Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, and Christian churches, and numerous other religious societies.

McKinney is well supplied with a system of incandescent electric lights.

Our manufacturing industries are represented by two fine flour mills, cotton compress, ice factory, planing mills, gins, &c.

Come to McKinney to live and you will be happy and prosperous. Take our word for it and come.

All Around the Plaza and out the Principal Streets.

Where the Principal Places of Business are Located.

NORTH SIDE.

Mississippi Store,	dry goods
Parlor Saloon	
M Aron,	dry goods
H L Pearson,	dentist
R Rambo,	saloon
Rogers & McMullen,	grocers
Howard & Williams.	saloon
Will Merritt,	atty
R C White,	atty
H W Ardinger,	dry goods
J R Gough,	atty
Tom Andrews,	atty
Henry A Finch,	atty
T F Mangum,	atty
G Carpenter,	atty

NORTH TENNESSEE.

Coffey Bros.,	livery stable
R C Knott,	blacksmith
Burgers'	gin

SOUTH TENNESSEE.

G Hall,	barber
J W Bradley,	barber
Coffey Bros.,	feed stable
Walcott Bros.,	marble works
M B Rexrode,	sewing machines
Neal Bros.,	paper hangers
J F Hollander,	shoemaker
J M Andrews	groceries
Wm Allen,	meatmarket
H T Connor,	photographer
Gerrish & Thurman,	blacksmiths

NORTH KENTUCKY STEET.

Foote House	
Wm Miller,	machine shop
Erwin & Gibson,	physicians
Mrs Douglass,	tailor
Telegraph office	
Wakely,	photographer
Sam Lee,	laundry
R L Waddill,	groceries
Tom Boon,	boarding house

SOUTH KENTUCKY STREET.

Jones C Moore,	machinery
County jail	
City calaboose	
Fire department	
R D Allison,	wagon yard
McKinney Bottling works	

WEST VIRGINIA ST.

Mrs Morgan,	dressmaker
W R Dedman,	barber
J R Parker,	gunsmith
City hotel,	
Throckmorton, Garnett & Rainey,	attys
Jenkins & Pearson,	attorneys
Jenkins & Wilson,	real estate
Marion Warden,	boarding
Maddox,	ice cream
Mrs Frazier,	dressmaking
Saloon	

EAST VIRGINIA STREET.

S Wiseman,	dry goods
Church & DeArmond,	atty's
Todd Warden,	livery stable
Donner & Wax,	tailors
McKinney & Hill,	harness shop
M A Bowen,	Nickle store
Postoffice	
St. George Hotel	
Elm Saloon	
J Tinnig,	tailor
Mrs Belle Stiff,	dressmaker
Dr. Burton,	specialist
Telephone office	
R Rambo,	saloon
Smith & Doty, (col.)	barber
Warren & Wiggins, (col.)	grocery
Garza,	hot tamale stand

EAST LOUISIANA ST.

W B Kendall,	groceries
J A Evans,	attorney
Harper & Roderick,	gents fu'gs. goods
A K Rutledge,	confectioner
G R Wear,	artist
J P Dowell,	hardware
Democrat,	printing office
J F Stivers & Co,	lumber yard
Planing Mills	
Dad's saloon	
Kentucky House,	boarding
J M Wilcox & Son,	lumber yard
S T Hammond,	restaurant
Barkley & Harris,	dry goods
Goostree & Foster,	groceries
H C Morford,	groceries
Bristol & Porter,	implement store
J W Asbury,	furniture store
Wm Bagley,	real estate and insurance
J B Pond,	shoemaker
A T Waters,	confectioner
Killingsworth & Hill	grain dealers

WEST LOUISIANA ST.

Ben Rhine,	dry goods
J D Page,	fire insurance
T W Wiley,	physician
J C N Smith,	dentist
Fox & Love,	groceries
A T Wilson & Co,	restaurant
Enquirer.	printing office
Hill & Newman,	meatmarket
F Gutgesell,	bakery
Carpenter Bros.,	implements
Heard & Brooks,	groceries
J S & S D Heard,	harness
Webb Bros,	feed store
Bill Pershohn,	blacksmith

EAST SIDE.

A J Krause,	groceries
F Fitzhugh,	saloon
J T Andrews,	justice
Lucas & Lewis,	groceries
Smith Bros.,	druggist
Henry Taylor,	jewelry
A L Cole,	saloon
Shrader & Bryan,	groceries
Seay & Webster,	book store
M H Byrne,	abstract
Examiner,	printing office
Lewis & Ditto,	groceries
Nale & Dies,	furniture
Henry Taylor,	job office
Henry Herndon,	drug store
D Goodin,	jewelry
W P Suttle,	shoe store
Burl Stiff,	saloon
Dr. Metz,	physician
Gazette,	printing office
F M Thompson,	land agent
Jesse Shain,	groceries
First National Bank	
Coleman & White.	jewelry
Chas. Bush,	stationery
Jones & Jones,	real estate
Bass & Kimbrough,	grain dealers
E N McAulay & Bro.	drnggists
S H Abbott,	physician
O H Kirkpatrick,	physician
R Gale,	physician
J P Webster,	groceries

SOUTH SIDE.

W B Newsome,	groceries
Abernathy & Beverly,	attorneys
H C Mack,	attorney
Dr. Chew	
R E Bristol,	druggist
J P Crouch & Co.,	furniture
J P Crouch & Co.,	hardware
J L Doggett,	attorney
Collin County National Bank	
F H Welch & Son,	fire insurance
Mrs. Duer,	dressmaker
Caldwell & Webb,	physicians
Harrison & Co.,	grain buyers
W M Hynds & Co.,	grain buyers

COURT HOUSE.

Z M Shirley,	attorney
Wilson & Cole,	abstractors

County Official Directory.

P B Muse,	District Judge
W C Jones,	District Clerk
M G Abernathy,	County Judge
M W Keen,	County Clerk
J W McKinney,	County Collector
R A McLarry,	County Assessor
W H Taylor,	County Treasurer
T A Coleman,	County School Supt.
Scott Phillips,	County Sheriff
Dink Clardy,	County Surveyor

THE DEMOCRAT.

The Great Independent Paper of North Texas—A Bit of Its History.

THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS STARTED.

The DEMOCRAT was launched into existance and made its bow to the people of Collin county on April 8, 1884, by Orin Robertson as owner and editor. It continued under his management until April 1885, when it was purchased by a stock company under the name of the DEMOCRAT PUBLISHING Co.

It has taken a lively part in all the political campaigns since its organization and always opposed all cliques and boodly politicians and advocated reform and independence of political action.

It at one time exposed some crooked work in the jail keeping of the county, and the editor was compelled to defend his person with gun and fist, but as it was advocating the right, the people flocked to its support and new subscribers came by the score, daily, until its list ran way up near its present mark.

The DEMOCRAT under its present management espoused the cause of the Farmers' Alliance and has been vigorously battling for their rights and urging their demands.

The present owner conducted the business of the company until May, 1890, when he purchased all the other stock and became sole owner and proprietor. There has been many needed improvements made in the mechanical department but the policy of the paper remains the same.

Shrewd business men of the city as well as foreign advertisers have long since recognized the value of the DEMOCRAT as an advertising medium.

The DEMOCRAT as now issued is an eight column, four paged paper printed all at home without the use of plate, which makes it a welcome visitor to its many readers.

Numerous other improvements in the mechanical department are contemplated and will be made the coming fall.

First Settlement of Collin County.

The Vanguard of Civilization.

HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE WITH THE INDIANS.

Some of the Old Pioneers Still Among us—The Hardships They Underwent, the Privations they Endured.

THEIR MEMORY SHOULD BE CHERISHED.

In November, 1841, Dr. Rowlett, Jabez Fitzgerald, Edmund Dodd, Pleasant Wilson, Dr. William E. Throckmorton and others made a trip from the settlements on the Red river, in the north part of Fannin county, to this section with a view of locating lands for a settlement, which Dr. Throckmorton and others proposed to make on the waters of the East fork of the Trinity river. A selection of land was made on Rowlett's creek, near the mouth of Spring creek. Dr. Throckmorton returned to the settlements for his family and in company with M. C. Clements and his two married sons, Wesley and Bluford Clements and their families started to the proposed settlements. On reaching the locality it was found that the party, who were with the surveyor, Dr. Rowlett, had taken up the land that had been selected for the settlement. Pleasant Wilson, who had been acting as guide for the moving families, proposed that the party should return to the East Fork, where he could show them fine bodies of timber and prairie lands that had not been surveyed or taken up and where their headrights could be located. He piloted them back to a spring in the neighborhood, where Melissa now is, and soon a suitable location was found, where Dr. Throckmorton settled on the creek that bears his name, in the northern part of the county. This first settlement was made in the month of January, 1842, and was composed of the families already mentioned and the following: Pleasant Wilson, Edmund Dodd, Wm. R. Garnett, Garrett Fitzgerald and Littleton Ratlen.

During the following summer John M. Kincaid, came out with his family and located his headright on Hurricane creek.

Bear, deer, turkeys were everywhere found in great abundance, Buffalo and wild horses roamed over the prairies unmolested.

In November, 1842, Joseph H. Wilcox, David Helms and Joseph Harlan commenced a settlement upon the F. T. Duffau survey on Wilson creek, a few miles from the present site of McKinney. Their settlement was broken up by the Indians and shortly afterwards they joined Col. Jack McGarrah, in making his settlement at old Buckned, afterwards selected as the first county site.

Many were the severe struggles of these noble frontiersmen resulting often in the sacrifice of human life.

In the winter of 1842, Samuel Young went to the settlement of Bailey English, on the present site of Bonham for provisions. He reported the horrible murder of Clements and Whisler by the Indians at that place and the heroic conduct of Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Whisler in warding off the savages and their miraculous escape.

To give our readers an idea of the hardships of our forefathers we quote the following sad story from the American Sketch Book, as kindly furnished us by H. C. Herndon, of our city.

Who has a heart so callous as not to honor the memory of those who acted as the van guard of civilization? A few of them are yet tottering among us, "only waiting until the shadows are a little longer grown."

May Heaven bless them, and a brighter home beyond await their going is our earnest wish!

In the fall of 1844, a Mr. Muncey with his family, and an old man, by the name of Jamison, had moved out on Rowlett's creek and began to build. Shortly after that settlement was begun, Wm. Rice and Mr. Leonard Searcy and their two sons, went out to camp and have a hunt on the creek. In the morning, one of the old gentlemen went into the timber to find Muncey's camp. Suddenly he came upon it, and a most terrible and heart rending sight met his startled vision. It was a board camp. He found Muncey and old man Jamison lying on their face, having been shot and their bodies presenting no appearance of having been disturbed after receiving their death wounds. The youngest child some two or three years old, seemed to have had its head dashed against the wall and mashed into a shapeless mass. The mother had fought with a butcher knife to the last. The blood from her person and from the bodies of her murderers had splashed on the walls of the board camp in many places. Her breasts were cut off and her body mutilated in a most shocking manner, indeed, too terrible to mention. Two sons one about twelve and the other about seventeen years of age, were missing. One son about fifteen years old was absent, having gone to the Throckmorton settlement for provisions. The camp had been robbed of whatever the Indians wanted. The feather beds had been ripped open in the yard and the feathers left on the ground. In great affright Mr. Searcy left the bloody scene and hastened to hunt his comrades.

A party of men were raised and followed the Indians. They were easily trailed by the floating feathers that fell from the bed ticks. They traveled with great rapidity and were not overtaken. The two boys were never heard of. Some years after two skulls were found in the flats on the trail, (or near it,) which the early settlers believe to be the remains of the missing boys. Only one member of the family escaped. About this time, the house of Thos. J. McDonald's was burned by the Indians. The family escaped by being absent from home.

The county rapidly improved in population after this and was organized in April 1845.

Jonathan Allen was elected chief justice, King Custer sheriff, Fola Dunn, county clerk, Thos. Rattan, Jno. Kaufman, Peter Lucas and John Fitzhugh were the first county commissioners, and Leonard Searcy, assessor and collector.

About the time, or shortly after the organization, Major Sam Bogart, then the representative from Fannin county moved to Collin county, and was among the prominent and leading men in the county until his death in 1861. Among the settlers of 1844 and 1845 were B. R. Wilmeth, J. M. McReynolds, Joel H. Stewart and Jordon O. Straughan, all of whom afterwards held prominent positions as county officers in the new county. During the years 1844, 1845, 1846 and 1847 many true and noble men became resident citizens of the county and contributed largely by their intelligence and energy to its rapid development.

Texas Statistics.

The Texas newspapers are among the most enterprising on the continent. We find the following floating through the columns of the state press, making a grand showing for a wonderful state:

Texas is an empire state. She has 274,356 square miles or about 175,000,000 acres. She is 105,545 square miles larger than New York, Ohio, Delaware Vermont, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Connecticut, New Hampshire and New Jersey. She has an estimated population of about 2,500,000; has a magnificent state house, for which she gave 3,000,000 acres of land.

Of the forty-four states and eight Territories embraced in the United States, Texas is the largest of all, Alaska excepted. It is five times as large as New-York and would make 326 states a trifle larger than Rhode Island. It also is about equal to the original thirteen colonies and its pressnt population is greater than the entire population of the colonies at the Declaration of Independence. In 1888 Texas cast a larger vote for presidential electors than was cast by the entire United States at the first popular presidential election, in 1824, when J. Q. Adams was elected President.—C. and T. Ex.

GEN. HOUSTON.

The Texas Revolution—Evolving of History.

The Venerable Mr. Sparks, of Rockport, Texas Tells, Interesting Texas War News.

(For The Democrat by E. W. Kirkpatrick.)

Every fact, concerning Texas Independence, is sought and cherished by all who esteem valor, and honor patriotism.

Few generals have entailed so rich an heritage upon their people, at such small cost, as did General Sam Houston, in the Texas revolution.

The following statements were gathered from Mr. S. F. Sparks, of Rockport, Texas. Sparks was a personal friend of Houston and, is the only survivor of the battle of San Antonio, which was fought in 1835 for the constitution of 1824.

After the fall of the Alamo, where the sacred blood of martyrs cemented the pillars of patriotism that sustain the temple of Texas Independence, Santa Anna, early in 1836, with his large and well equipped army of well trained troops, flushed with murderous victory, began his fatal march from San Antonio eastward, where he expected to annihilate Houston, as he did Travis and Fannin, but, found his "Rubicon" in the Brazos, and his "Waterloo" at San Jacinto.

Meanwhile, Houston was recruiting and organizing his army and falling back from "Groce's Retreat," on the Brazos river in a south east direction toward the present location of the city of Houston.

It was reported that a large Mexican force was approaching and great excitement prevailed. All inhabitants were fleeing, many citizens and soldiers quit the country and returned to the United States.

One pioneer with wife, children and herds became terror stricken and saying to his wife and little ones, "it was better for him to be saved than all to be killed," he mounted their only pony and gave them a tearful adieu. The heroic wife and children continued with their herds and safely crossed the Brazos at Washington and with gun in line with the other soldiers, behind cotton bales, guarded the crossing all night to prevent the advance of a reported force of 1500 Mexican cavalry.

Knowing the danger of attack and surprise, Houston, on the night before the march from "Groce's Retreat," gave strict orders that no man, not even Gen. H——ll should be permitted to pass the guard.

HOUSTON A PRISONER.

Houston saw a young boy on one post and on trying to pass the boy, the General was captured and held up until Gen. Rusk came to his relief. After the battle, Gen. Rusk tried the same game and was held until Houston relieved him.

HOUSTON'S DEFEAT.

On this march Houston pressed men, arms, horses, oxen and everything which he thought necessary to the resistance of Mexican Tyranny.

One Mrs. Mann followed the overloaded wagons through the muddy prairie and ordered Houston to give up her yoke of oxen. Houston said, "Madam don't irritate me." "Irritate the devil," said she and riding in front of the wagon said whoa! Springing from her horse she unhitched her oxen and drove them away in the presence of the whole army.

HOUSTON OUT GENERALED.

One afternoon during this march Houston sent Sparks forward with a detail of men to prepare beef and camping place for the army near the deserted home of a Mr. Burnett

Strict orders were given to touch no kind of supplies except beef on the prairie. Sparks sent his men after the beef while he went to the Burnett residence, dressed and cooked a dozen fat chickens with bacon in a large kettle and baked a quantity of brown corn loaves.

Setting aside half of this feast, Sparks and his comrades enjoyed their first square meal during many days.

Arriving at the Burnett mansion in advance of the army, Houston, Rusk, Sherman, Bennett, Somerville, and others were invited in the house and then closing the door, Sparks said, "General from the feathers and other signs you may see I have disobeyed orders and am ready to receive any punishment you may put upon me."

Houston replied, "Sparks, you have willfully disobeyed orders and must be punished." "General! I have kept some for you" and Sparks uncovered the rich bread and chicken inviting all to partake. Whereupon Rusk and all except Houston drew their knives and sailed in. Houston stared and repeated, "I will be bound to punish you."

Rusk said, "General this is the best we have had since we left Nacogoches. Sparks is a good cook and if you don't pitch in we will eat it all up. Houston drew his knife and dipped in.

In the midst of the feast Rusk said. "General I believe it is a maxim in law that, "He who partakes of stolen property is guilty with the thief."

Houston replied, "Rusk no body asked for your law phrases." That ended the punishment of Sparks.

Santa Anna's line of march was further south than was expected and Houston did not locate the enemy until he came near Harrisburg, on Buffalo Bayou, on April 18, 1836, where he found the town burned.

Expecting a battle and having little experience with volunteer troops Houston thought to test their nerve.

While the men were cooking and eating, Houston's trusted spies rushed into camps from opposite directions, shouting that all were surrounded by Mexicans.

The men fell into line and behaved so well that Houston complimented them and told them he was confident of their fighting qualities.

On the night of April 19, Deaf Smith swam the river, guarded the Mexican trail and captured a courier whose papers gave Houston valuable information about the Mexican forces.

On the same night Houston attempted to cross the river and attack the Mexican camp six miles south but the glare of smouldering houses so frightened the swimming horses they refused to pass.

Leaving the baggage on the east side, with a guard of 350 men, on the morning of April 19th Houston crossed the river and followed the Mexican trail about twenty miles south and rested on their arms near the coming battle ground.

On April 20th Houston sent Gen. Sherman with the cavalry to attack the Mexicans and by a series of skirmishing drew the Mexican army back where the Texan army was in ambush. Here Sherman formed his men and invited attack. About noon the Mexicans, with music and banners, blew a grand charge and fired cannon on what they thought a small force.

On their approach, Houston ordered Col. Nale, commanding the "Twin Sisters" (2 small cannon) to fire two shots.

Immediately on this firing, the Mexicans halted and retreated to a point about three fourth miles away. The remainder of the day was spent in skirmishing and was resumed and continued on the 21st until about 3 o'clock p. m., when the final charge was made.

Houston had less than 800 troops, mostly untrained volunteer riflemen; while Santa Anna had more than double that number of well drilled musketry.

In a council before the battle some wished to build a pontoon across the bayou for use in an emergency.

Houston saw Gen. Cos reinforce Santa Anna with 600 troops and immediately ordered Deaf Smith to burn the "Vinson bridge," this done, both armies were cut off from reinforcement or escape. Then Houston called his subordinates and said, "You have called me coward and granny and said I would not fight; I have not been ready to fight until now and there is no time to build bridges, we must fight and, it is victory or death with us."

He immediately ordered Col. Sherman to form his regiment and within fifteen minutes all were marching to the attack.

We routed and chased the Mexicans about three miles but did not completely break their lines until we killed and captured them. One Mexican escaped and carried the news to reserve force thirty miles away.

After three days scouting for straglers Santa Anna was captured on the prairie in disguise and was identified by other prisoners

The remainder of the large Mexican army was held in reserve on the west bank of the Brazos at Staffords crossing, near Richmond, Texas.

Santa Anna ratified Houstan's terms of peace by which the Mexican officers were sent back to Mexico by water and the remainder were escorted beyond the Rio Grande by Gen. Rusk and his cavalry.

This completed the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

During the battle, Gen. Houston was severely wounded in the ankle, but remained in command and distinguished himself by great valor and skill in conducting the campaign.

The establishment of Texas independence was attended by many occurrences common to all revolutions.

At first sound of war many men left the country, others volunteered to escort woman and children beyond danger, a few hundred volunteered to guard the wagons, and some deserted before the battle.

This process of thining left Houston with the best nerve in the country, and with which he was able to carve a proud republic in one day.

So fearful were the odds and so frightful seemed the task, that many men almost quailed when commanded to charge, but, after receiving the first fire of the enemy all did their duty with undying honor.

One of the most wonderful results of the battle of San Jacinto, was the relative losses of the two armies. Of Mexicans more than 1,000 were killed and 600 made prisoners. Of Texans three were killed and six died of wounds.

Houston had the spoils of victory sold and the proceeds equally divided among the soldiers, amounting to about $18 each. The Texans took deadly aim, while the Mexicans fired in the air.

Santa Anna was astonished to see rifles charge muskets and bayonets, and he and his cavalry retreated at our first charge, and, in trying to get to the "Vinson bridge" were pursued by our cavalry and nearly all killed. Santa Anna, finding no bridge, lost his horse in the bog of Vinson's Bayou, and became lost in the dark, and remained lost during several rainy days. Seeing two of the Texans scouting he called their attention and surrendered.

At the beginning of the battle the Mexican troops were in two divisions, about 60 rods apart, commanded by Generals Cos and Almonte, respectively.

Houston with the regulars and artillery, charged Gen. Cos, while Sherman, with the volunteers, charged Gen. Almonte and drove him back until the volunteers came in line with the fire of Houston's division, seeing which, Sherman galloped through the retreating columns of Gen. Cos' men and said to Houston, "Your men are firing on mine." Houston immediately ordered the regulars to cease firing until their enemy was located. This order was misunderstood, and some confusion resulted. The charge was soon resumed and the enemy annihilated.

So soon as Santa Anna was recognized and identified he sought an introduction to Houston, to whom he admiringly said, "Did you lead the charge with drawn sword and riding a dapple gray horse?" "Yes." "Is that common with American Generals?" "Yes." "Have you no dread of losing your generals?" "No, Americans are all generals," said Houston.

Santa Anna, replied, "I believe it, and if I had 5,000 men like those who fought us I could take the City of Mexico." "I have fought and read of many battles but, never before heard of rifles charging and routing muskets and bayonets."

Gen. Almonte responded, "Yes, I believe the Americans are d—mn fools enough to be shot out of a cannon if they thought it would kill three or four Mexicans." Gen. Almonte, when surrounded, refused to surrender his sword except to Gen. Houston. A private threatened to shoot him. Almonte smashed his sword to pieces and said, "shoot and be damed." The private remarked, "this man is too brave to be killed this way."

Gen. Cos remained silent and when reminded of his violation of parole at San Antonio, he covered his head.

These occurrences were related by the venerable veteran, S. F. Sparks, of Rockport, Texas, who was born April 7, 1817, in Lawrence county, Miss., son of Richard Sparks, of Ga, who was sheriff and representative several years in Mississippi.

Young Sparks volunteered under Gen. Ed. Burleson, in Oct, 1835, and aided in defeating and capturing Gen. Cos with 1,600 men, garrisoned at San Antonio, Texas. This battle was fought under the command of Col. Ben Milam and Col. Frank W. Johnson, with 300 chosen men, who volunteered against the advice of their chief commander and, laid siege for five days under great privation, danger and suffering. Water was bought at $10 per bucket, and often at the cost of life. The Texans, under the deadly fire of lead and turpentine balls, dug through several thick stone walls and chased the enemy until they lowered their black flag and raised the white flag.

Young Sparks again volunteered under Gen. Houston in March, 1836, and fired the second gun at San Jacinto. He married Miss Emily B. Whitaker, daughter of Wm. Whitaker, of Tennessee. Raised six children, all of whom are living except one son, who died in the southern army.

Mr. Sparks raised a company to aid in holding the Mexican army in check, but he declined the office of captain, and also declined a commission from Housion, preferring to occupy a private position. He married his second wife, Miss J. N. Journey, of Tennessee, in 1856. This venerable pair are now living in Rockport, Texas, surrounded by a host of friends and relatives.

If you wish to get value received during 1892, take The DEMOCRAT.

THE RAINFALL.

A Correct Record of the Rainfall for Ten Years, Showing That Texas Has a Good Average.

NO GREAT DROUTH OR NO GREAT FLOOD.

Rainfall for ten years, from January 1, 1881 to December 31, 1890, inclusive at advalorum, six miles North of McKinney, Collin county, Texas. August and September, 1881, I spent visiting Tennessee, and no record was kept, the average of those two months in other 9 years was, August 3.0027, September 2.8334, at which figures I have them in 1881, and think the record to be reasonably correct. C. B. MOORE.

RAINFALL IN 1881

January	
February	6.
March	1.
April	1
May	10.
June	
July	
August	3.
September	2.
October	7.
November	3
December	
	30

RAINFALL IN 1882

January	
February	
March	6
April	4
May	
June	6
July	
August	3
September	2
October	6
November	
December	3
	42

RAINFALL IN 1883

January	1
February	5
March	2
April	2
May	6
June	2
July	3
August	6
September	2
October	3
November	
December	3
	42

RAINFALL IN 1884

January	1
February	4
March	2
April	4
May	7
June	5
July	
August	1
September	1
October	1
November	3
December	4
	38

RAINFALL IN 1885

January	3
February	2
March	2
April	5
May	4
June	5
July	2
August	
September	2
October	2
November	1
December	1
	33

RAINFALL IN 1886

January	2
February	1
March	3
April	1
May	
June	1
July	1
August	1
September	3
October	2
November	1
December	
	21

RAINFALL IN 1887

January	
February	3
March	1
April	3
May	5
June	5
July	1
August	6
September	2
October	3
November	2
December	4
	40

RAINFALL IN 1888

January	1
February	3
March	3
April	9
May	2
June	4
July	4
August	9
September	1
October	1
November	6
December	6
	58

RAINFALL IN 1889

January	6.1
February	3.4
March	2.0
April	2.0
May	4.0
June	4.3
July	5.1
August	1.0
September	3.3
October	1.2
November	3.8
December	
	37.3

RAINFALL IN 1890

January	1.6
February	3.5
March	1.9
April	10.4
May	3.3
June	1.2
July	3.2
August	2.1
September	5.5
October	2.5
November	3.8
December	2.5
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"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

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